

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the present application. Claims 123 and 124 have been amended. New Claims 240 to 243 have been added.

The Examiner states that the disclosure is objected to because on pages 65, 66, 85, 87 and 95, the variables "x and y" are not defined, and requires that appropriate corrections be made. Applicants have amended the specification accordingly. Applicants have also amended the specification at various locations in accordance with amendments made to the parent specification.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 123 and 124 under 35 U.S.C. 112, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner states that the claim(s) contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The Examiner has also rejected Claim 124 under 35 U.S.C. 112, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended Claims 123 and 124 accordingly and removal of this rejection is hereby requested.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 119 and 122 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 21, 23-27 and 34 of U.S. Patent No. 6,210,604 by Hampden-Smith et al. The Examiner has also rejected Claims 119, 122 and 126-127 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 54, 61, 64-67, 76, 79, 83, 85, 86 and 89 of U.S. Patent No. 6,193,908 by Hampden-Smith et al. Finally, the Examiner has rejected Claims 119-122, 126 and 127 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 32-33, 37 and 43 of U.S. Patent No. 6,153,123 by Hampden-Smith et al.

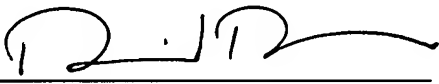
Upon the indication of otherwise allowable subject, Applicants will submit the appropriate Terminal Disclaimer(s).

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are owed in regards to this Response to Office Action. However, if any such fees are deemed necessary, please debit those fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecute and or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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